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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION

**FILED**

Jan 15 2025  
Mark B. Busby  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 4:25-mj-70040 MAG
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS ON OUT-OF-
	)	DISTRICT CRIMINAL CHARGES PURSUANT TO
RICK V. CULLEN,	)	RULES 5(c)(2) AND (3) OF THE FEDERAL
Defendant.	)	RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Please take notice pursuant to Rules 5(c)(2) and (3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that on January 15, 2025, the above-named defendant was arrested pursuant to an arrest warrant (copy attached) issued upon an

- ☐ Indictment
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Criminal Complaint
- ☐ Other (describe) Violation Notice CC63 F5255343

pending in the Central District of California, Case Number 2:23-po-00705.

In that case (copy of indictment attached), the defendant is charged with a violation(s) of 36 CFR § 26.96, a Class B Misdemeanor.

1 Description of Charges: Removing Natural Feature of the United States.

2 The maximum penalties are as follows: \$5,000 fine or 6 months imprisonment, or both.

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4 Respectfully Submitted,

5 ISMAIL J. RAMSEY  
6 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

7 Date: January 15, 2025

/s/

8 RYAN ARASH REZAEI  
9 Assistant United States Attorney  
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# ATTACHMENTS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE  
(For issuance of a warrant or writ of summons)

I state that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ while exercising my duties as a  
law enforcement officer in the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

Place of Offense  
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST HQ  
701 N. Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia, CA  
Offense Description: Factual Basis for Charge  
HAZMAT ☐

# REMOVING PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES

## Phone: (                      )

Street Address  
417 WALNUT ST. UNIT A

Drivers License No.	CDL <input type="checkbox"/>	D.L. State	Social Security No.
D7357267		CA	

VEHICLE VIN: CMV ☐

APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED	APPEARANCE IS OPTIONAL
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**YOUR COURT DATE**  
(If no court appearance date is shown, you will be notified of your appearance date by mail.)

My signature signifies that I have received a copy of this violation notice. It is not an admission of guilt. I promise to appear for the hearing at the time and place instructed or in lieu of appearance pay the total collateral due.

Original - CVB Copy

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Previous edition is obsolete

**\*F5255343\***

FS-5300-4 (1/2020)

☐ The foregoing statement is based upon:

- my personal observation                      my personal investigation  
information supplied to me from my fellow officer's observation  
other (explain above)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information which I have set forth above and on the face of this violation notice is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)      Officer's Signature

Probable cause has been stated for the issuance of a warrant.

Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy) U.S. Magistrate Judge

**HAZMAT**= Hazardous material involved in incident; **PASS**= 9 or more passenger vehicle;  
**CDL**= Commercial drivers license; **CMV**= Commercial vehicle involved in incident

CVB SCAN 10/13/2023 15:42



VIOLATION # F5255343

COURT CODE CC63

**USDA Forest Service**  
**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**  
 (for issuance of an arrest warrant or summons)

I, Wayne Nomi, state that on September 30, 2023, while exercising my duties as a Law Enforcement Officer in the Central District of California, I reviewed an investigative report from Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kevin O'Donnell, General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General. In reviewing this report, I learned that:

On May 31, 2023, Rick V. Cullen successfully bidded in a GSA Auction for excess U.S. Forest Service property, namely a 1995 Warrior Travel Trailer, and made an electronic wire transfer payment to GSA in the amount of \$3565.00.

On June 16, 2023, GSA notified Mr. Cullen that the electronic payment failed to process; specifically, Cullen's funds appeared to have been pulled back. On the same day, GSA received a response to their email from Mr. Cullen, summarily stating that Mr. Cullen's bank account was not charged and that Mr. Cullen did not reverse the wire transfer.

On June 20, 2023, GSA sent a second notification of the payment not being received to Mr. Cullen. No reply to this email was received by GSA.

On June 21, 2023, Mr. Cullen proceeded to meet with U.S. Forest Service staff in Arcadia, CA, within the Central District of California, at the secure U.S. Forest Service facility, and took possession of the 1995 Warrior Travel Trailer and removed it from the U.S. Forest Service facility. The identify of Mr. Cullen was verified by U.S. Forest Service staff via Mr. Cullen's California Driver's License.

On June 29, 2023, GSA sent an email to Mr. Cullen advising him that he would have until July 3, 2023 to make the payment. If payment was not received, Mr. Cullen would be in possession of stolen Government property.

As of September 29, 2023, no payment for the 1995 Travel Trailer has been received by GSA.

**The foregoing statement is based upon:**

- ☐ My personal observation  
☐ My personal investigation

XXX Information supplied to me from  
 my fellow officer's observation  
 XXX Other (explain above)

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the information which I have set forth above and on the face of this violation notice is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Executed on: September 30, 2023    Officer's Signature WAYNE NOMI Digitally signed by WAYNE NOMI  
Date: 2023.09.30 21:45:40 -0700

**Probable cause has been stated for the issuance of a warrant.**

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Magistrate Judge \_\_\_\_\_